The MOU at SI. No. (ii) will be implemented immediately.

The MOU at SI. No. (iii) above will be implemented once the project shedule for the Vocational Training Centre is finalized between the two Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

VISA Relaxation to Facilitate Tourism and Trade

4587. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Singapore and Cambodia, any mutual arrangements were reached for relaxing or removing visa restrictions to facilitate tourism and trade between them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the volume of trade and tourism between India, Singapore and Cambodia during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02; and

(d) the estimated increase during 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The volume of trade between India-Singapore and India-Cambodia is given below:—

Singapore

Singapore- india Bilateral Trade		*Tourist traffic between India & Singapore*	
Year	Bilateral Trade (In USSm)	Year (From both sides)	Tourist Traffic
1999-2000	2203.41	1999	341693
2000-2001	2301.88	2000	392968
2001-2002 (April to December 2001)	1655.82	2001	382384

Cambodia

Cambodia-India	*Bilateral Trade*		*Tourist traffic between India & Cambodia*
Year	Bilateral Trade (In US$m)	Year	Tourist Traffic (From both sides)
1999-2000	8.09	1999	2219
2000-2001	9.15	2000	2157
2001-2002 (April to December 2001)	9.34	2001	3664

(d) Bilateral trade and tourism between India and Singapore as well as between India and Cambodia is expected to go up significantly during the period 2002-2003.

American help for victims of attack on American Centre

4588. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) Whether the US Government has offered to help relatives of cops killed in American Centre attack in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the next of kin of victims killed while guarding the American Centre is benefited by the offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir. Government is not aware of any such offer of help by the U.S. Government;

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Police verification for passports

4589. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The normal time taken/prescribed to get the police verification done for issuing the Passports to persons whose verifications are required from two or more places; and